

REMARKS

Claims 1-23 remain active in the case.

The present invention relates to silicas that have an inhomogeneous structure or composition.

Specification Amendments

The first full paragraph on page 8 of the specification has been amended to correct the designation of the U. S. patent as a British patent. Further, the number of the cited German Patent has been corrected. None of the amendments introduce new matter into the case and entry of the same is respectfully requested.

The text of the application has been amended to update the status of the application.

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An information disclosure statement has been filed to bring JP-A-8/133 720 to the attention of the Examiner.

It is now believed that the application is in proper condition for consideration.


Respectfully submitted,

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